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Re: Microsoft Settlement

Please see attached letter.

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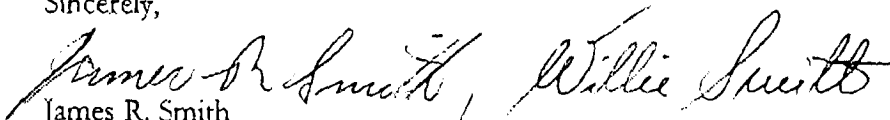
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The settlement that has been reached in the United States of America vs. The Microsoft Corporation is fair, and I believe that settling this case is in the best interest of the U.S. economy as well as the American consumer. It is vital that for us to have our best and brightest companies working at full steam in these times of economic uncertainty, and continuing this litigation will not benefit this nation.

The settlement is reasonable; Microsoft will design future versions of Windows to be compatible with the products of other software companies, the company will also cease any retaliatory action against any of its competitors. A three-person technical committee will monitor this settlement to ensure Microsoft's compliance. These terms go above and beyond the original grievances of the suit. It is apparent that the parties who feel that the settlement does not go far enough are not looking for a solution to this case, but rather the perpetuation of their own political motives.

Please continue your support of this settlement, the work that you have done to ensure that there is a place for free enterprise in the future of this nation has not gone unnoticed. Thank you.

Sincerely,


James R. Smith
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